

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

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Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re:

White Flint West Transportation, Phase 1

CIP No. 501116-1

Mandatory Referral No. 2015005

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for the review and comments on the White Flint West Transportation Phase 1 Mandatory Referral. The following comments were received.

- 1. Consider providing separated bike lanes on the realigned segment of Executive Boulevard, which could be accomplished by eliminating the proposed left turn lane in addition to reducing the proposed travel lane widths to meet the requirements of the recent Urban Road Code changes.
- 2. Provide curb extensions on Market Street to meet the requirements of the recent Urban Road Code changes and provide handicap ramps to cross all four legs of the Executive Boulevard/Market Street intersection. Locate the proposed handicap ramps to minimize pedestrian crossing distances.
- 3. All handicap ramps that accommodate bicyclists on shared use paths should be widened to ten feet wide (min.), including the handicap ramp in the proposed traffic island at the conference center driveway on the east side of Executive Boulevard.

Montgomery County Department of Transportation considered all of the comments. The design for the White Flint West Phase 1 project will be modified to incorporate the requests in comments 2 and 3 above. The first comment will not be incorporated into the design due to impacts to off-peak street parking.

Sincerely

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